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reaching for each other's genitals, but the Kaingáng, although they stand around holding their own penises, do not hold other men's.

In the whole mass of Kaingáng folklore there is one hundred-word story of a homosexual relationship between two men and another that tells of a male supernatural that was killed by a man because it sodomized him by trickery. I never heard a remark that alluded in any way to homosexuality. The men like to congregate together, and when the women are in camp they leave them and sit around in groups, weaving baskets or just talking. Sometimes a woman may join them because her husband is there, but even when the men are away the women rarely come together as the men do. They just visit. Like the indiscriminate playing of the children, these caressings, sleeping parties, and gossipings do not follow relationship lines. Whatever may be the specific obligations of cousins or brothers-in-law, they are completely lost sight of in these ephemeral, wholly casual masculine contacts. The basis for man's loyalty to man has roots in the many warm bodily contacts between them. The violent, annihilating conflicts among men in Kaingáng society were all among those who had never shared the languid exchange of caresses on a hot afternoon under the green arched shelter of a house nor lain together night after night under a blanket against the cold. The very transient, unfixated nature of these contacts leaves no grounds for jealousy. The relationships built on these hours of lying together with anyone at all bear fruit in the softening of conflicts that are so characteristic of the Kaingáng. Indeed, there is a patterned friendship between men that has woven this contact into its very warp and woof, and that is the friendship of hunting companions. Men who have hunted together day after day, raided the Brazilians together, slept together beside the same fire, under the same blanket, wrapped in each other's arms, hold this relationship above their kinship with their brothers. The consequences for the general integration of Kaingáng society are immeasurable.

The elaborate laws of sexual avoidance that chart the behavior of men and women in many primitive societies, dividing the entire community into the touchables and the untouchables, are undreamt of among the Kaingáng. Little boys and girls play together in rough and tumble. Brothers and sisters, brothers- and sisters-in-law and cousins, sleep next to one another, cross legs, or embrace one another. The corollaries to this are the marriages and love affairs among almost all classes of relatives. Only marriages between parents and children and between full brothers and sisters are avoided. Marriages between half brothers and sisters are rare.

A complete lack of emphasis on temperamental differences between the sexes permits to boys and girls, men and women, the same jocular and often violent sexual aggressiveness. The term for intercourse may have

585 As a general rule, the young warrior builds himself a hut where he takes the girl of his choice, who lives henceforth as his wife. Sometimes, when the girl's family is small, he goes to live with his wife in her parents' hut. Incest does not occur among them, for [835] marriage is forbidden among close relatives. It is the custom of the tribe to respect marriage; adultery is unamously condemned and rarely occurs.

595 The warrior chooses his second wife with no more formality than the first. Both women enjoy the same rights. The additional wives are often sisters of the first one.

551 Male children are given the name of an outstanding ancestor, to which is added as a surname that of their father and of his lineage. The name of female children is chosen freely by the mother, whose own name is added as surname along with the name of her lineage.

This explains the great length of their names, such as for instance: Korikrã-Lãksi-Layondési, Vaikõidn-Ungrósima-Póa-Tupi-Vaimusima.

764 Dead adults, men as well as women, are cremated in large fires built with selected woods. Pubescent children of both sexes are granted the same procedure, while young children are buried.

A warrior's weapons and other personal implements are burned along with his body. The ashes are gathered the following day and placed in a round pit, previously lined with tree bark and leaves, which is then filled with earth, covered with fragments of wood, and surmounted with a shelter.

765 The death of a chief or outstanding warrior is lamented by the whole tribe; his exploits are sung in a sort of litany for several days. Then the women recount in similar chants the virtues of the dead man in the domestic life of the tribe.

It is to be noted that on such occasions the Botocudo are seized by a profound sadness. Absorbed in their great sorrow, they become sullen and indifferent to everything and observe for several days a rigorous fast.

476 The social rule of the Botocudo is mutual aid, for which they were naturally trained by the insecure nomadic existence which has always been their lot.